

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-26 (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

28. (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the restriction of the special playback is described by a possibility or impossibility code.

29. (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein each of the special sections is described on a per segment basis.

30. (Previously Presented) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the information stored in the memory includes license information that manages the content key and the usage condition as a pair.

31-34. (Canceled).

35. (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein the special playback comprises at least one of forward, rewind, skip and jump.

36. (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein the restriction of the special playback is described by a possibility or impossibility code.

37. (Previously Presented) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein each of the special sections is described on a per-segment basis.

38. (Currently Amended) A content playback control method comprising:

storing in a memory, information describing:

a content key, key; ~~a usage condition~~;

special sections subject to a restriction of a special playback of ~~content~~, content;

and

at least one playback mode permitted in each of the special sections; and

a usage condition that specifies whether or not playback is performed based on the special sections and the at least one playback mode;

decoding encrypted content using the content key, only when the usage condition is met;

determining, when the usage condition specifies that the playback is performed based on the special sections, and when an instruction to perform the special playback is received while the decoded content is played, whether the special sections include a point at which the special playback is performed according to the information stored in the memory; and

~~determining; controlling the instructed special playback for the decoded content, when~~
the special sections include the point at which the instructed special playback is performed,
~~possibility or impossibility of performing the instructed special playback for the decoded content~~
~~based on whether the at least one playback mode and when the usage condition specifies that the~~
~~playback is performed based on the at least one playback mode, and a playback mode of the~~
~~instructed special playback corresponds to one of the at least one playback mode described in the~~
information stored in the memory, ~~includes a playback mode of the instructed special playback.~~

39. (Currently Amended) A content playback control terminal comprising:

a memory that stores information comprising:

a content key, ~~key; a usage condition,~~

special sections subject to a restriction of a special playback of ~~content; content;~~

and

at least one playback mode permitted in each of the special sections; and

a usage condition that specifies whether or not playback is performed based on
the special sections and the at least one playback mode;

a content decoder that decodes encrypted content using the content key;

a license information processor that passes the content key to the content decoder, only
when the usage condition is met; and

a playback control information processor that controls the playback of the content in the
content decoder based on the special sections and the at least one playback mode permitted in
each of the special sections, wherein:

when the usage condition specifies that the playback is performed based on the special sections, and an instruction to perform the special playback is received while the decoded content is played, the playback control information processor determines whether the special sections include a point at which the special playback is performed according to the information stored in the memory; and

when the special section includes the point at which the instructed special playback is performed, and when the usage condition specifies that the playback is performed based on the at least one playback mode, and a playback mode of the instructed special playback corresponds to one of the at least one playback mode described in the information stored in the memory, the playback control information processor ~~determines possibility or impossibility of performing~~ controls the instructed special playback for the decoded content, ~~based on whether the at least one playback mode in the information stored in the memory includes a playback mode of the instructed special playback, and instructs the content decoder.~~

40. (New) The content playback control method according to claim 38, wherein the usage condition is protection from unauthorized duplication or tampering by using DRM technology.

41. (New) The content playback control terminal according to claim 39, wherein the usage condition is protection from unauthorized duplication or tampering by using DRM technology.